

MALTBY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1945.



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE MALTBY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my twenty-first Annual Report for the Urban District.

It is an Ordinary Report drawn upon the lines laid down in Circular 28/46 issued by the Ministry of Health. The year's report shows nothing outstanding.

The Birth rate has dropped considerably and the Death rate has increased slightly. Both of them compare favourably with those of England and Wales and the small towns. The Infant Mortality rate has decreased as compared with last year. The lowest we ever had was 46.6 in 1938 but with the previous 8 years it had been 4 times over 100. As I have pointed out many times before, rates based on small numbers are somewhat deceptive. Yet it must be admitted that our average over a period of 10 years is not good. I am unable to give any real reason.

With regard to the Deaths—Tuberculosis (Fourteen) is high. In 1938, there were only 5 from this cause.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. LAND DIBB.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Area (Acres)	4,788
Population—1931 (Census Figure).....	10,013
Population—mid. 1945	11,270
No. of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1945	2,712
Rateable Value (at 31-3-45)	£41,819
Product of a Penny Rate (1944-1945)	£158-8-10

Vital Statistics.

			M.	F.	Total
Live Births —	Legitimate	118	122	240
	Illegitimate	10	3	13
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			128	125	253

Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population 22.44
compared with 28.5 in 1944

			M.	F.	Total
Still Births —	Legitimate	6	6	12
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
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			6	6	12

Deaths	54	55	109
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Death Rate per 1,000 of Population8.78
compared with 8.65 in 1944

	M.	F.	Total
Deaths of Infants under One year of age ...	9	7	16

Deaths of Infants under One year of age per 1,000 live births,
i.e. the Infantile Mortality Rate—63.24 compared with 72.5
in 1944.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	12
„ „ Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	4
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	-
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	2

				Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate
England and Wales	...	...	...	16.1	11.4	46
Great Towns	...	...	...	19.1	13.5	54
Smaller Towns	...	...	...	19.2	12.3	43
Maltby	...	...	...	22.44	8.78	63.24

Principal Causes of Death.

Tuberculosis (all forms)	...	...	...	...	14
Cancer	...	...	...	...	12
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	...	...	...	...	10
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	24
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	8

Infectious Diseases—No. of Cases notified.

			Original Notifications.	After Corrected Diagnosis.
Scarlet Fever	..	..	38	37
Diphtheria	..	..	34	21
Whooping Cough	..	..	27	27
Measles	..	..	334	335
Pneumonia	..	..	17	17
Erysipelas	..	..	8	8
			<hr/> 458	<hr/> 445

Diphtheria Immunisation.

300 Children were immunised during the year.

Scabies.

5 Cases were treated at the Isolation Hospital.

Tuberculosis.

	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Total
No. of Cases on register at commencement of 1945	42	16	58
No. of Cases notified in 1945	14	1	15
No. of Cases restored to register in 1945 ..	-	-	-
No. of Cases removed from register in 1945 ..	18	5	23
No. of Cases on register at end of 1945 ..	<hr/> 38	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 50

Bacteriological Laboratory.

The number of pathological specimens from our district examined in the County Laboratory during 1945 were as follows:—

Sputa for Tubercle Bacilli	..	..	..	2
Swabs for B. Diphtheriæ	..	..	..	159
Swabs for Hæmolytic Streptococci	..			2
Hairs for Ringworm	..	..	..	25
Fæces for T.A.B. etc.	..	..	..	1
Waters for Bacteriological Examination	..			14
Milks for Bacteriological Examination	..			18
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Nuisance Inspections.

Total Number of Inspections made in 1945 for Nuisances	..				115
Nuisances found in 1945	..	..	..	..	111
Nuisances in hand at end of 1945	..	..	..	..	None
Total abated in 1945	..	..	..	..	111
Statutory notices served	1

Drainage and Sewerage.

No. of Houses not connected to Sewers	54
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Closet Accommodation.

No. of Privies without Middens	None
No. of Pan Closets	54
No. of Water Closets	...	...	...	2658
No. of Waste Water Closets	...	...	...	8
No. of Water Closets constructed for New Houses	...	...	...	None

Refuse and Salvage Collection and Disposal.

	£	s.	d.
Total Annual Cost of Collection (up to 31st March, 1945)	2292	4	1
do. do. Disposal do. do.	326	2	2
Lorry Renewals Fund (No. 1. £85) & (No. 2. £116)	201	0	0
Total Annual Cost—Collection, Disposal and Renewals	2819	6	3
Less Sale of Salvage and Sundry Income	452	10	6
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Milk Supply.

No. of Milk Samples taken for Analysis (Food and Drug Act, 1938)	39
No. found Adulterated	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Milk Samples taken for Bacteriological Examination						18
No. Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	8
No. of Cowkeepers	...	...	...	...	...	2
No. of Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	3
No. of Milk Cows	...	...	...	...	...	38
No. of Cowshed Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	67
No. of Wholesale Traders registered				...	...	1
No. of Retail Milk Sellers	...	...	...	...	...	27

Meat Inspection.

No. of Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	...	...	3
No. Licensed	...	...	...	...	...	3
No. of Slaughter House Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	36
No. of Surrenders of Unsound Food			...	...	...	83
Total Weight of Unsound Food	...	14 cwts.	3 qrs.	1 st.	2 lbs.	

Other Foods.

No. of Bakehouses in District	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Inspections	48

Water Supply.

No. of Dwelling Houses on Public Supply	2691
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Sources of Supply.

1.—Reservoirs belonging to Sheffield Corporation.

2.—Borehole at Austerfield belonging to the Doncaster and Tickhill Joint Water Board.

The Water Supply of the Area and its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and quantity, except for isolated cases of contamination in the rural part of the district where the supply is from spring or well. Remedial action has been taken in these cases.

Over 99% of the dwelling houses and of the population are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses. There are no houses supplied by means of stand pipes.

Disinfestation.

All the modern methods are used. The Cyanide method is not used as the difficulties of overcrowded houses are too great to make such a procedure practicable and safe. When a house is let the premises are examined and also the incoming furniture (this applies to Council houses only) but on request it applies to privately owned houses.